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Hon. Edgardo Ramos  
Thurgood Marshall, United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Ramos:

This victim impact statement is submitted by the University of Southern California ("USC") in anticipation of defendant Tony Bland's upcoming sentencing. The conduct Mr. Bland and his co-conspirators have been convicted of has caused significant harm to USC and its student-athletes.

The actions of Mr. Bland and his co-conspirators have significantly damaged the reputation of USC as an institution, the USC athletic department, and its men's basketball program. Further, their actions have prompted an NCAA investigation that may result in penalties. Lastly, USC was forced to expend significant amounts of money to investigate Mr. Bland's conduct and to cooperate with the government as it has prosecuted this case.

I respectfully ask that the Court simply recognize this is not a victimless crime. USC, its student athletes, and college athletics as a whole have suffered greatly because of what Mr. Bland and his co-conspirators did.

Sincerely,

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